

6,600 Jobs in Ohio Lost in October, Highest in Nation

Washington, D.C. -- Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) released the following statement regarding the Bureau of Labor Statistics' announcement today that Ohio lost an additional 6,600 jobs in the month of October:

"Ohio provides more evidence of the rocky economy that the Bush Administration has inflicted on the American people. Where is the so-called strong and broad-based job recovery?

"If the Bush White House spent as much time working to create jobs as it has in spinning the American people on weak job performance, maybe the economy would be doing better. The facts are very clear.

"Today, the Department of Labor announced that our home state of Ohio lost 6,600 more jobs this past October. That makes 240,700 jobs lost in Ohio since the Bush Administration took office. The state of Ohio has lost more jobs during the month of October than any other state. Further, the number of unemployed in the state has reached 373,451 and that does not include those who have given up looking for a job.

"For years, the Republicans have used their power to steer tax breaks and special deals for corporate interests, while standing back and watching thousands more good-paying manufacturing jobs in Ohio be shipped overseas.

"In addition, a new report commissioned by a bipartisan congressional commission said 406,000 American jobs will be shipped overseas this year. The Bush Administration's anemic job creation across the board has put it on track for the worst job creation record since the Great Depression.

"Democrats believe in the value of work and rewarding working families with tax cuts as

well as businesses that create jobs in America, not overseas.Â The Administration can't ignore the hard truth.Â Americans deserve an economic plan that actually spurs economic growth and puts workers back to work so our millions of families can regain economic security."